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November 8, 1974

The Honorable  
William E. Colby  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

On receipt of your letter of November 5, 1974,  
I telephoned Fran Wilcox that your proposal to address  
the covert operations interest in context with my earlier  
letter is quite agreeable. I informed Fran that it seems  
to me at this stage that the Commissioners do not require  
going into sensitive current activity. Later, should it  
prove necessary to do so, I would be in touch with you.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Robert Murphy

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November 5, 1974

The Honorable Robert D. Murphy  
Chairman of the Board  
Corning Glass International  
717 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Last week Fisher Howe indicated that I should finalize arrangements for a briefing by CIA on clandestine activity. However, before I had an opportunity to draft an appropriately detailed letter from you to Mr. Colby, Mr. Howe sent a brief letter off in Dr. Wilcox' name. It seems likely that Mr. Colby will wish to obtain a confirmation and elaboration of the Commission's precise interests on this sensitive topic from you directly.

Thus, it would be helpful to all concerned if you could delineate the subjects which Commissioners wish a briefing on. In my initial discussions I have indicated that the following would be of interest:

- (a) Clandestine collection--with special emphasis on the difficult Bloc targets.
- (b) Covert action--including a definition of that term; some examples of the type of operations covered under that rubric; how risks are balanced against potential gains in planning such operations; and how political control is exerted over CA.
- (c) DDO organization--a case should probably be made for the current organizational structure to counter suggestions in other papers that clandestine activity be separated from CIA.

Given the obvious security implications involved, CIA would prefer to provide oral briefings to the Commissioners on the same basis that sensitive subjects are presented to PFIAB. I suggest that the Commissioners first discuss the two CA studies prepared by [ ] and

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Ambassador Belcher which are unclassified and can be circulated in advance of the meeting. It might be useful to invite a CIA representative to listen in on the Commissioners' review of these unclassified papers with their authors. Then, if you wish the Commissioners to receive a really extensive CIA briefing, I suggest that the room be cleared of supernumeraries and staffers with no previous precise knowledge of covert action and no current need-to-know.

This proposed procedure has been discussed at CIA and with Admiral Anderson at PFIAB, and while they obviously are in no position to take the initiative, there is general concurrence that I [redacted] preliminary [redacted] can provide any staff support necessary during the briefing. I might add that if other non-Commissioners are not excused, the content of the briefing will simply be adjusted accordingly.

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With the next meeting of the Commission's Intelligence Subcommittee, the so-called "Phase II" of the intelligence study plan begins. Under the terms of the agreed study plan, I have been given the coordinating responsibility for "Phase II" activities of the Commission. In numerous oral conversations with the Commission staff "Phase II" has been represented to mean all activities which occur after the preparation and distribution of the "Phase I" studies done by the group under [redacted]

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In broad brush terms, I intend to do two basic things during "Phase II." First, I plan to arrange for classified briefings for Commissioners by members of the intelligence community, PFIAB and/or Members of Congress with a special interest in intelligence matters. These briefings will in no way conflict with the independent, unclassified studies being prepared by [redacted] and I am confident you will find that [redacted] firmly believes that such briefings will supplement his reports in an important way. Second, I expect to prepare the first draft of recommendations on intelligence matters for Commission review and possible approval. I shall of course welcome the assistance of other members of the Commission staff in this work, but earnestly hope that the still blurred lines of authority among the staff can soon be straightened out, not only because the current situation is personally embarrassing to me, but also because it is causing some legitimate concern to my friends in the intelligence community who are responsible for providing support to the Commission in this very sensitive field.

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In this latter regard, if you would care to check, I believe you will find that I have the confidence of the DCI. Given my long years of

association with the Agency in various capacities, I think it is safe to say that they are willing to discuss the most sensitive sort of matters with me without fear that I will in any way abuse their trust and confidence. I have recently met with Admiral George Anderson and believe he, too, shares that view. By the time the Commission next meets, I shall have reestablished my previous close and congenial working relationships with NSA and DOD intelligence elements. Thus, I respectfully recommend, and I know that Congressman Frelinghuysen joins me in this proposal, that I be permitted to exercise my responsibilities under the terms of our agreed study plan and with your full support.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Administrative Assistant

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The Honorable Robert D. Murphy  
Chairman of the Board  
Corning International Corporation  
717 5th Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Bob:

Attached is a copy of a letter I recently sent to Fran Wilcox. I propose to address the covert operations interest in context with your earlier letter to me. You will appreciate that the sensitivity of current activities precludes wider discussion. However, should you or other commissioners desire further elaborations, please let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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5 NOV 1974

Dean Francis O. Wilcox  
Commission on the Organization of the  
Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy  
2025 M Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Fran:

Thank you for your letter of 25 October requesting a briefing on covert operations to be given the Commissioners on 18 November in the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board offices.

We plan to provide a broad treatment of the subject with some historic examples and a description of the decision processes involved, their approval and oversight. The briefing will be designed particularly to provide the Commissioners with a clear picture of how covert operations serve U. S. foreign policy. Current covert operations will not be covered. Should any of the Commissioners find further need to go into sensitive current activity, I have advised Ambassador Murphy that I will treat with this request separately in a more restrictive session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

cc: Ambassador Murphy

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/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

cc: Ambassador Murphy

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COMMISSION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
FOR THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY

2025 M STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

October 25, 1974

Mr. William E. Colby  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

STAT      Confirming the recent discussion between  
Mr. [redacted] and Fisher Howe, I would like  
to request that a briefing by the Central  
Intelligence Agency be given on the subject of  
covert operations to our Commission on the Conduct  
of Foreign Policy on November 18 in the office  
of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory  
Board. Only Commissioners and three or four  
fully cleared staff members working on the subject  
would be present.

Once again we are most appreciative of your  
assistance.

Cordially,

*Francis O. Wilcox*

Francis O. Wilcox  
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

24 October 1974

Morning Meeting of 24 October 1974

Nelson noted a telephone call from [REDACTED] advising that the Murphy Commission would like an oral briefing on clandestine collection and covert action. This request will be conveyed from Chairman Murphy to the DCI, and the Director asked that it be responded to in writing incorporating any limitations imposed by the legislation creating the Commission.

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Response for DCI signature per his remarks at the 24 October Staff Meeting, attached.

*[Signature]*

Executive Secretary

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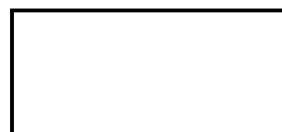
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